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Monica Lewinsky, the former white-house intern and President Bill Clinton's lover has spoken to media after almost a decade, to announce her campaign against cyber bullying and internet shamming.

In this public address, she said that she plans to launch a cultural revolution against sexual harassment. She herself being a victim in the late 1990s in the white house, said that she was a patient zero and one of the first people to have their reputation devastated at the hands of the internet.

Social media was not a concept back then; there was no Facebook, Twitter or Instagram back in the day, but the news and internet websites had a comments section and then there were emails that could be forwarded. Of course, all that was done on a very slow dial-up connection, yet the story did not take up much kilobytes to take too long to spread. That was no doubt, social media in the making.

She described her life as one marred by a deep sense of shame accompanied by suicidal thoughts. She became emotional when speaking of the events and then the gossip that went on then famous website "Drudge Report". It broke the news of her little fling with Clinton, which was a public humiliation exacerbated by many other forums as well including the Starr report that gave out the very intimate details of their affair.

Monica said that she would stare at the computer screen shouting and crying out loud when reading the report. As a result, the immediate aftermath included Lewinsky trying to capitalize on her notoriety, initially designing hand bags before hosting a reality TV dating show. She soon after moved to UK where she attended the London School of Economics and got her Master's degree in social psychology. In 2010, she read about the suicide of Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers freshman when she decided to make a move.

Tyler Clementi was filmed by his roommate secretly kissing another man in their dorm room. He then streamed the video via webcam and Clementi was subjected to online deride and ridicule. Tyler went on to jump off the George Washington Bridge. Monica Lewinsky even met up with Clementi's parents who had set up the Tyler Clementi Foundation for vulnerable youth. She says that having survived herself, she now wants to assist and support other victims.

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